plan period has been made i e. Rs. 450/- crores for development of Research and Technology and implementation of Central and Centrally Sponsored programmes

(vii) CSB operates Raw Material Banks and provides Margin Money Loan to the State Marketing Agencies to ensure fair price to primary farmers. Besides, in the major markets, State Government Agencies such as the Karnataka Silk Marketing Board play a stablizing role by their presence in the Market

Involvement of Policemen in murder of former Minister

*51. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI
SHRI AMAR SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as six Jammu and Kashmir policemen who were involved in the murder of Mustaq Ahmed one, former Minister in Jammu and Kashmir and his brother, have been arrested and if so, the details thereof,

(b) whether Government are aware that this incident has jolted the credibility of the security establishment which is at the forefront of anti-insurgency operation in Kashmir, and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto and action proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) State Government has informed that following investigation the Jammu & Kashmir Police has arrested one J&K Police constable, one Special Police Officer (SPO) and one over-ground supporter of terrorists for their active connivance, complicity and involvement in the murder of Shri Mushtaq Lone, the then National Conference Minister on 11.9.2002 and his brother Shri Ghulam Mohi-up-din Lone on 05.12.2002 as also in abetting a suicide attack on security forces in May 2003. Three terrorists also reported to be involved in the killing of the then Minister are absconding.

(b) and (c) State Government has indicated that this is an isolated case and have stated the Officers and men of the Jammu and Police

are doing a commedable job in the fight against terrorism and that as many as 689 policemen have sacrificed their lives in terrorist violence for upholding the integrity of the Country and security of the State.

Ruling by a WTO panel against India

*52. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has lost a major textile dispute *vis-a-vis* the United States at the World Trade Organisation;

(b) if so, whether the ruling by a WTO panel, upholding the US rules to determine the country of origin of textile and apparel products, could affect India's bid for increased textile exports to the US;

(c) if so, to what extent India has suffered as a result thereof; and

(d) whether India has again appealed against the panel's ruling?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SYED SHANAWAJ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The panel established by the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) has decided against India in the case titled "United States-Rules of Origin for Textiles and Apparel Products". The unilateral changes in the US Rules of Origin are applicable from 1996 and, therefore, there are no new effects from the panel ruling. At that time, the changes did affect India's grey cotton fabrics exports to countries such as Sri Lanka which used them for processing and export to US

(d) The Government has decided not to appeal against the DSB panel ruling

Reservations for Economically poor among forward Castes in Government Jobs

*53. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU):
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan have decided to give 14 per